

CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE CITY OF BOSTON'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Please return this **Intent to Apply** form (page 1) to DND upon receipt of this application. This completed form provides us with a record of your intent to submit a proposal to HUD. You can hand deliver, fax (617-635-0383) email -- lyounger.dnd@cityofboston.gov - or mail this completed form to: DND/PDR 26 Court St. 8th fl. Boston, MA 02108. Also, enclose another copy of this form with your completed application for certification. *Check the HUD web site for accurate deadline dates.*

CHECK EVERY PROGRAM UNDER WHICH YOU PLAN TO APPLY. COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN FORM.

Check	HUD Program	FFY06 HUD App. Deadline	Boston Deadline
	Fair Housing Programs (3)	May 17	April 18
	Public Housing Neighborhood Networks Program	June 23	May 23
	Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators	May 16	April 18
	Housing Counseling Programs (3), Supplemental (3)	May 23	April 23
	ROSS - Residential Service Delivery Models – Elderly/Disabled	July 13	June 13
	ROSS - Residential Services Delivery Models – Family-Homeownership	August 8	July 10
	Lead Paint Hazard Control	June 7	May 8
	Healthy Homes or Lead Tech. Studies	June 6	
	Lead Outreach Grant Program	June 6	
	Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program	June 7	
	Healthy Homes Demonstration	June 7	
	Operation Lead Elimination Action Program (LEAP)	June 7	
	HOPWA Renewal	June 14	May 15
	Assisted Living Conversion Program (Multifamily)	June 15	May 15
	Section 202 Supportive Housing for Elderly	June 2	May 2
	Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities	May 26	April 26
	Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity (SHOP)	May 24	April 24
	Public Housing Family Self Sufficiency Program	June 8	May 8
	Service Coordinators in Multifamily Housing	June 16	May 16
	Brownfields Economic Development Initiative	June 14	May 15
	YouthBuild	June 9	May 9
	Community Development Technical Assistance Programs (6)	May 18	April 18
	Continuum of Care Homeless Asst. Programs (SHP/S+C/Sec8-SRO)	May 25	n/a ^{**}
For any program not listed above, use the row below; the Boston deadline is 30 days prior to the HUD deadline.			

I, the undersigned, have received the certification application materials, and am aware of the deadlines for submitting the HUD application and City of Boston application for certification. I also understand that DND reserves the right to reject late certification applications or, if accepted, late applicants are not guaranteed that the certification will be processed in time to meet the HUD submission deadline.

Name (print) _____ Signature: _____

Organization _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____

^{**} **Application is submitted by the City of Boston. Individual certifications from participating agencies are not required.**

**FEDERAL FY2006 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF
CONSISTENCY WITH CITY OF BOSTON CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

Applicant Organization:

Project:

Employee I.D. Number

Address:

Contact Person:

Telephone _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Fax: _____

Neighborhood: (in the Word version, click on the shaded area to place an X within the box)

☐ Citywide **OR** check all neighborhoods that apply:

☐ Allston/Brighton ☐ Back Bay ☐ Beacon Hill ☐ Charlestown ☐ Chinatown ☐ Dorchester

☐ Downtown ☐ East Boston ☐ Fenway/Kenmore ☐ Hyde Park ☐ Jamaica Plain ☐ Mattapan

☐ Mission Hill ☐ North End ☐ Roslindale ☐ Roxbury ☐ South Boston ☐ South End

☐ West Roxbury

HUD Program Name

FY2006 HUD Application Deadline

☐ 2991 ☐ 2990 ☐ 92015-CA ☐ 92016-CA ☐ other:

HUD Forms Enclosed

Introduction

The enclosed application materials must be completed by organizations requesting a certification that their proposed project or activity is consistent with the City of Boston's Consolidated Plan. Certifications are required for any proposed project to be located in the City of Boston for which you are applying directly to HUD or indirectly through an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Applications for certifications must be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Development **not less than 30 days before the deadline for submitting your application to HUD**. The City may not support applications nor provide certifications for applications to be submitted to HUD for which a complete certification application has not been received by close of business on the deadline date.

Complete applications may be obtained from and must be submitted to:

Policy Development and Research Division/PDR

Department of Neighborhood Development
26 Court Street, 8th floor
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 635-3601

If you have any questions, please contact:

Bob Gehret, (617) 635-0242 or Laura Younger, (617) 635-0333).

If you are applying to HUD as part of the City's Continuum of Care application you do not need to obtain a separate Certification for your program or project.

Checklist for seeking certifications or other documents required for applications in response to the HUD Federal FY2006 Super NOFA.

Contact Laura Younger, Department of Neighborhood Development, regarding these certifications unless another contact is provided (617) 635-0333.

Please indicate which of the following you are requesting. Check one or more, as appropriate:

- ☐ **Certification of Consistency w/Consolidated Plan** - form HUD 2991 - that the proposed activities/projects in the application are consistent with the City of Boston's approved Consolidated Plan. You will need to complete and submit this certification application, along with a completed copy of the HUD Certification form (HUD-2991).
- ☐ **Certification of Consistency w/Empowerment Zone** – certifies application is consistent with the Strategic Plan for the City of Boston's Federally-designated Empowerment Zone (EZ) and that the activities/project will be located in, and serve EZ residents. You will need to submit to the Empowerment Zone a copy of this certification application and HUD Certification form (HUD-2990). **Contact: Shirley Carrington, Boston Connects, Inc. at (617) 541-2670.**
- ☐ **Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing** - Determination that the proposed activities/projects are consistent with and/or address an impediment to Fair Housing as identified in the City's Analysis of Impediments and Fair Housing Plan. You will need to submit a copy of this certification application and a draft of the relevant narratives from the HUD application package to the Boston Fair Housing Commission. **Contact: Marlena Richardson at (617) 635-4408.**
- ☐ **Continuum of Care** – determination that the proposed activities/projects are consistent with the City of Boston's Continuum of Care plan and that the project will fill an existing gap in the City's Continuum of Care. You will need to submit a copy of this certification application, along with a completed copy of the HUD Certification form (HUD- 40076-A-CIECH). *If you are applying to HUD as part of the City's Continuum of Care application you do not need to obtain a separate Certification for your program or project.*
- ☐ **Removal of Regulatory Barriers** - To help ensure that all available measures are being taken to eliminate regulatory barriers, this questionnaire (HUD form –27300) has been included as a requirement for many programs in the NOFA process. This form asks a series of questions about what jurisdictions are doing to address regulatory barriers. Additional rating points will be awarded to applicants where the locality in which the project is located has undertaken significant regulatory reform efforts. *The City of Boston has prepared a standard response for all Boston applicants.*

Letters from City of Boston agencies or Boston Connects

- ☐ Match/Leverage Letter (enclose draft or copy of requirement and identify agencies that you intend to approach for Match)
- ☐ Letter of Support from DND or Mayor Menino (enclose draft)

HUD FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE HUD WEB SITE:
<http://www.hudclips.org/cgi/index.cgi>

Standards and Criteria for Consolidated Plan Certifications

Pursuant to HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 91.80, proposed applications will be reviewed on the basis of the following minimum requirements:

1. The Annual Action Plan must **indicate that the City planned to apply or was willing to support** an application by another entity under that program.
2. The **location of the project** or activity must be consistent with the geographic target areas (if any) specified in this Annual Action Plan.
3. The **activities must benefit** a category of residents for which the City's four-year Consolidated Plan shows a priority.

For a copy of the Action Plan check the City of Boston/DND web site. We also want to ensure that the limited available federal funding is targeted to project sponsors who have the capacity to deliver the proposed housing and services. In order to achieve these goals, we will require applicants to meet the following additional criteria for a Consolidated Plan certification.

1. The sponsor must identify a site for the proposed project or the application will not be considered. This is a City of Boston requirement for all projects seeking Consolidated Plan certification, even if HUD does not require site control at the time of application. (If the proposal involves only social services not associated with a particular housing development, the location where services will be provided must be identified. If the proposal is for scattered site housing, then the census tracts in which apartments will be located must be identified. If the proposal involves leasing a building, the building and/or specific census tract in which the building will be leased must be identified).
2. The project sponsor must demonstrate that it has the experience, the financial and the administrative capacity to carry out the proposed program or activity, including any proposed supportive services. Documentation of experience and capacity must include a listing of any similar projects completed by the sponsor.
3. The project sponsor must describe and document any community outreach that has been conducted to-date and outline plans for outreach, which will be conducted during project development and implementation.
4. The sponsor must demonstrate how the proposed project and the proposed site will address the needs of the project's residents.
5. The project sponsor must demonstrate how the proposed project and proposed site will contribute to the City's goal of ensuring that affordable and supportive housing opportunities will be available throughout the city or, otherwise 1) meets an overriding housing need in the market area or 2) is an integral part of an overall local strategy for the preservation of the immediate neighborhood.
6. The project sponsor must demonstrate how the proposed project will contribute to enhancing the quality of life and/or the revitalization of the neighborhood in which it is sited.

7. Project sponsors must demonstrate that the proposed site promotes greater choice of housing opportunities and avoids undue concentrations of assisted persons in neighborhoods with a high proportion of lower-income persons. The City has defined this standard to reflect HUD's policy of "promoting the provision of assisted housing in a variety of locations by avoiding significant concentrations of low-income families in any one section of a metropolitan area."
 - *For the purposes of the City of Boston Consolidated Plan, an undue concentration of low-income families will be defined as an area (e.g., census tract) with a low-income population at least 10% above the citywide percentage. That standard equals an area within Boston with 66.2% or more of the households with incomes below 80% of the Boston Area Median Income.*
8. Sponsors are encouraged to demonstrate that the proposed project will promote economic integration or meet an existing neighborhood need. This policy has been adopted to prevent the concentration of assisted housing in minority neighborhoods. For projects located in census tracts with concentrations of minority populations the City will review all applications to determine whether or not the proposed project will significantly increase the concentration of low-income persons in such areas.
 - *For the purposes of the City of Boston Consolidated Plan, an area is considered to have a concentration of minorities if it has a percentage of any particular racial or ethnic minority that is at least 10% above the citywide percentage for that group (e.g., census tracts with more than 33.58% Blacks, more than 24.46% Hispanic Origin), or for the aggregate of minority groups taken together (i.e., census tracts with 60.61% or more minorities).*

In addition to these minimum standards, the application will be reviewed to ensure that the proposed HUD activities are consistent with the City of Boston's overall neighborhood development objectives of: 1) providing access to and opportunity for safe, affordable, quality housing throughout the city; 2) serving the residents of such housing by providing the appropriate level of services, as necessary; and 3) providing these affordable and supportive housing opportunities in a manner which benefits the surrounding neighborhood. ***Please be aware that HUD may impose higher or different standards for particular programs or activities.***

Certifications of Consistency with EZ Strategic Plan

Many of HUD's competitive applications provide two bonus points for projects located in and serving a federally designated Empowerment Zone. Applicants seeking these bonus points must obtain a certification that the proposed activities/project are a) consistent with the EZ Strategic Plan and b) that the proposed activity/project is located within the EZ and serves EZ residents. Determinations of consistency with the Strategic Plan and issuance of certification of consistency are made by the Support/Certification Committee of Boston Connects, Inc. (Boston's Empowerment zone). **Applicants seeking this certification should contact Shirley Carrington at Boston Connects, Inc. at (617) 541-2670.**

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing & Addressing Impediments to Fair Housing

Many of HUD's competitive grant programs also require applicants to demonstrate how their proposed project or activity will affirmatively further fair housing by promoting greater housing choice for minority persons and/or persons with disabilities. In general, this means that applicants must describe how their proposed project or activity will assist the jurisdiction in overcoming one or more of the impediments to fair housing choice identified in the City's **Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing** and **Fair Housing Plan**, a companion document to the City's **Consolidated Plan**. **Applicants should contact Marlena Richardson, at (617) 635-4408 to obtain a copy of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and Fair Housing Plan.**

Applicants should complete and submit this Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan Application and submit a copy to the Boston Fair Housing Commission (BFHC). Applicants should also submit to BFHC a draft of the appropriate narrative sections of their HUD application addressing how the project will affirmatively further fair housing and meet an identified impediment to fair housing.

Project Information for Certification Applicants

1. A completed HUD form being requested must be submitted with the application.
2. Site Control documentation is required for all development projects
3. Section 202 and Section 811 project applicants must submit a copy of forms HUD 92015-CA or HUD 92016-CA for your proposed project as an attachment to this application

Brief Project Description (include number of units for housing projects)

Project Location (please include a map with the project or program identified)

Address(s) (including zip code): _____

Neighborhood: _____

Census Tract(s) _____

Ward & Parcel ID(s) *required* _____

Address Confidential? ☐ YES ☐ NO

(If yes, specify reason) _____

Please Note: To reduce the submission burden, you may substitute appropriate sections of your HUD application for any of the following if the HUD application provides substantially the same information.

Type of Project or Activity (check the category which fits best)	
	Permanent Housing
	Rental Housing
	Homeownership Housing
	Homeless Facility or Program
	Emergency Shelter
	Transitional Housing
	Economic Development
	Infrastructure
	Public Facilities
	Public Services
	Planning and Administration
	Other (Specify) _____

Proposed Use of HUD Funds

HUD Funds Requested

Acquisition	\$ _____
Rehabilitation	\$ _____
New Construction	\$ _____
Other Physical Improvements	\$ _____
Lease Structure	\$ _____
Lease Units (Scattered Sites)	\$ _____
Rental Assistance	\$ _____
Home Buyer Assistance	\$ _____
Planning	\$ _____
Supportive Services	\$ _____
Operating Costs	\$ _____
Homeless Prevention Activities	\$ _____
Administration	\$ _____
Other (Specify) _____	\$ _____

Total HUD funds requested	\$ _____
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Other funds (specify sources)	\$ _____
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Total Project/Program Costs	\$ _____
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Populations Served (check all that apply)	
	Elderly (62+)
	Frail Elderly
	Youth (Ages 6-17)
	Children (Under 6)
	Chronic Mental Illness
	Developmentally Disabled
	Physically Disabled
	Chronic Substance Abusers
	Dually-diagnosed (Mentally Ill & Substance Abuse)
	Homeless Individuals
	Homeless Families
	Persons with HIV/AIDS
	Victims of Domestic Violence
	Veterans
	Other (Specify)_____

Housing Development Projects and Homeless Facilities			
Permanent Housing	Total Units	Bedroom Size(s) *	Total Persons
Rental			
1-4 Unit Bldg			
5 + Unit Bldg			
Homeownership			
1-4 Unit Bldg			
5+ Unit Bldg			
Homeless Facilities	Beds/Units	Bedroom size(s)	Total Occupancy
Emergency Shelter			
Transitional Housing			
* Please specify number of each bedroom size (10 SROs, 5 1-BR units, 6 2-BR, etc.)			

Economic Development Projects	
Type of Project	Number of Jobs
Retain Existing Jobs	
Create New Jobs	
Total	

Public Services/Public Facilities (check all that apply)			
Sub-Population		Number of Service Slots	Number of Persons
	Employment training		
	Case Management		
	Child Care Services		
	Substance Abuse Services		
	Health Services		
	Mental Health Services		
	Housing Placement		
	Life Skills Training		
	Crime Awareness		
	Handicapped Services		
	Legal Services		
	Transportation Services		
	Screening for Lead-Based Paint		
	Senior Services		
	Youth Services		
	Services for Abused and Neglected Children		
	Other (Specify)_____		

Income Targeting (check all that apply)			
Income Category		Number of Housing Units	Number of Persons
	Poverty Level		
	Very Low Income (0-30% of Median Family Income)		
	Low Income (31-50% of Median Family Income)		
	Low-Moderate Income (51-80% of Median Family Income)		
	Moderate Income (81-95% of Median Family Income)		
	Over 95% of Median		

City Assistance (for all Applicants)

Does the proposed project need funding from or has the proposed project received any commitment of financial or other assistance from the City of Boston? If so, please describe.

Is this project part of or located in a target area for any City-sponsored programs or initiatives such as the Boston Main Streets or the Boston Empowerment Zone? Please list.

Community Outreach Process (For all applicants)

A). Please describe and document any outreach to and discussions you have had to date with community residents, organizations, state or city elected officials regarding the proposed project:

B). Please outline your plans for outreach during project development and implementation:

Sponsor Capacity (For all applicants)

A) Please describe your organization's previous experience in developing and/or operating projects or programs similar to the type for which you are now requesting HUD assistance.

B) Please describe the organization's financial and administrative capacity and provide documentation showing that your organization has the financial and administrative capacity to carry out the proposed project or activity.

C) Please describe the supportive services (if any) which will be provided. Identify the proposed service provider, describe their qualifications and experience, and document their willingness and financial capacity to provide the proposed services in conjunction with your project.

Site and Neighborhood Considerations (Housing Projects Only)

A) Please describe the site and major characteristics of the neighborhood in which the proposed project will be located. Explain why you chose this particular site and how this project will contribute to the quality of life and/or the revitalization of the neighborhood in which the project is located.

B) Please describe how the proposed project will adequately address the needs of the proposed resident population.

C) Please describe how this particular site is suited to the needs of the proposed resident population.

D) Please describe how the project will promote economic integration or meet an existing neighborhood need.

E) Please describe how the proposed project and site promotes greater choice of housing opportunities and avoids undue concentrations of assisted persons in neighborhoods with a high proportion of lower-income persons.

F) Please describe how the proposed project and the proposed site 1) addresses the City's goal of providing access to affordable and supportive housing opportunities throughout the City and/or 2) meets an overriding housing need which cannot be met by another site in this housing market and/or 3) is an integral part of an overall local strategy for the preservation or restoration of the immediate neighborhood.
